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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte SINPEI NAKATA,
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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 29, 2009. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter requiring attention prior to docketing.

EXAMINER'S ANSWER, GROUNDS OF REJECTION

A review of the file reveals that the Examiner's Answer mailed September 4, 2008 sets forth a new ground of rejection of claims 1-3, 6 and 8-12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fritchie et al. (USP 6,022,746) [page 3]. However, while it is noted that Carbonari et al. (USP 5,730,938) is included at the top of page 4 in the discussion of this rejection, and was included in the "Evidence Relied Upon" also appearing on page 4, it was not included in the statement of the rejection. Clarification is required.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the application be returned to the Examiner:

1) to issue a PTOL-90 clarifying the record as to whether Carbonari et al. should have been included in the statement of the 103(a) rejection of claims 1-3, 6 and 8-12; and

2) for such other further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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